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SUBJ: POSSIBLE WEST IRIAN DISSIDENT THREAT TO U.S. PERSONNEL

1 APRIL 29 POST COURIER CARRIES ARTICLE WHICH STATES MARCH
13 LETTER WRITTEN BY NEW PRIME MINISTER OF PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF WEST PAPUA NICOLAAS JOUWE ADVISED IRIANESE
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COMMUNITY IN PORT MORESBY THAT ARAB-STYLE TERRORIST TECH-
NIQUES WOULD HAVE TO BE USED TO PRESSURE INDONESIA INTO
GIVING IRIAN JAYA INDEPENDENCE. LETTER SAID CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION HAD BEEN ASKED TO SANCTION INDONESIA FOR DENYING
IRIAN JAYA GENUINE SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT DESPITE PRESIDENT
CARTER'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS, U.S. STATE DEPT. WOULD OFFER
NO HELP.

2. POLOFF DISCUSSED ARTICLE WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, WHICH STATES THAT GROUP OF WEST IRIANESE IN PNG TO WHOM LETTER WAS SENT CONTACTED JOUWE IN HOLLAND TO DETERMINE WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF THEM. MORESBY-BASED WEST IRIANESE NOW BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE ACTION AND HAVE INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF KIDNAPPING AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER CRITCHLEY, INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ROEDJITO OR U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PNG OLMSTED. OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIONS WOULD BE AGAINST U.S. FIRMS DEALING WITH OR IN INDONESIA. GROUP HERE ADMITS THAT IT IS NOT, IN FACT, PREPARED OR TRAINED TO DO ANYTHING AND THEY HAVE NOT THOUGHT THROUGH SITUATION VERY PRECISELY. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIAN HICOMM SAYS GROUP HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO HIRE OUTSIDE TEAM, IF NECESSARY.

3. HICOMM STATES PNG AUTHORITIES HERE DO NOT TAKE THREAT SERIOUSLY AND BELIEVE IT IS PUBLICITY GIMMICK. AUSTRALIAN HICOMM STATES IT TAKES THREAT SERIOUSLY, ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS AN IMMEDIATE ONE. AUSTRALIANS FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY AND ARE BUTTRESSING THEIR SECURITY SLIGHTLY.

4. ARTICLE IN SYDNEY MORNING HERALD DATED 29 APRIL MENTIONS THREAT TO CRITCHLEY BUT NO MENTION AMBASSADOR OLMSTED. AMB. OLMSTED IS CURRENTLY ON A TRIP VISITING VARIOUS VILLAGES ALONG SEPIK RIVER. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DISCREETLY COMMUNICATE THIS INFORMATION TO HER BUT COMMUNICATIONS ARE RUDIMENTARY AND CONTACT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MADE BY MISSIONARY RADIO. AS ROUTINE PRECAUTION U.S. STAFF AND FAMILIES AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO ARTICLE AND U.S. EMPLOYEES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBLE THREAT TO AMBASSADOR. WE HAVE REQUESTED DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THEY HAVE AGREED, TO PROVIDE PNG PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICE PROTECTION OF CHANCERY. OLMSTED

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